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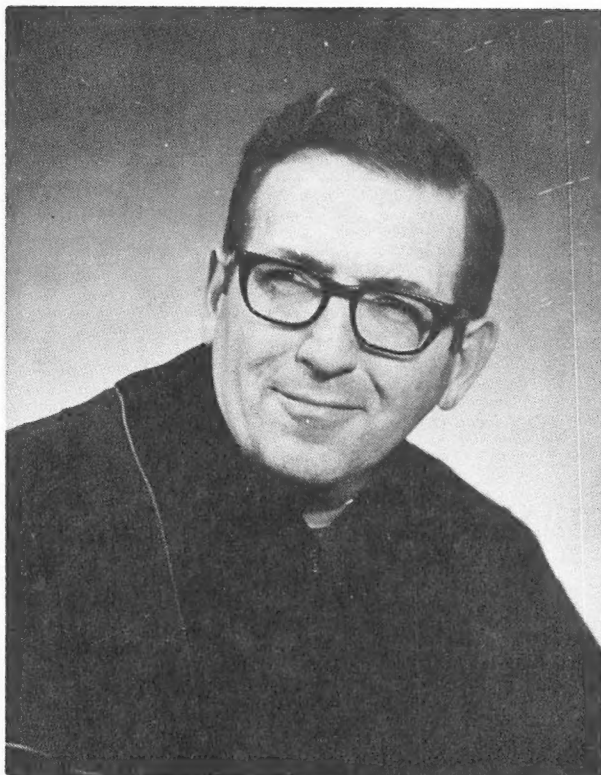
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### III. THE MISSION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ac Wischmeier

Bishop Jack M. Tuell, members and friends of the 35th session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission and the 5th session of the Alaska Missionary Conference: We have just completed 72 years of organized mission work in Alaska.

#### **The General Conference Speaks**

The General Conference adopted a quadrennium theme, "Committed to Christ - Called to Change." Along with the theme, they challenged us with three missional priorities: the crisis in the ethnic minority local church, world hunger, and evangelism.

The 1976 General Conference will be remembered by the Alaska Missionary Conference as the Conference which voted the constitutional amendment which, if ratified by the annual conference and passed the review of the Judicial Council, will give voting rights to the Missionary Conferences. Our two non-voting delegates, Danita Trudeau and Robert Bowers, working through the legislative committees on Conference and Global Ministries with diplomatic consultations with the other two Missionary Conferences, were able to perfect the following legislation, which was unanimously approved by the General Conference.

"A minister in full connection with an Annual Conference who is appointed as a missionary to a Missionary Conference shall be considered in affiliated relationship with the Missionary Conference. Affiliated relationship shall entitle the minister to the fellowship of the Conference, to full participation in its activities, including holding office, and representing the Missionary Conference in General and Jurisdictional Conference. An affiliate member of a Missionary Conference shall not vote in his or her Annual Conference while the minister retains the affiliate relationship to a Missionary Conference. Such affiliate relationship to a Missionary Conference shall be only for the duration of the minister's appointment as a missionary to the conference. An affiliate member elected to a General or Jurisdictional Conference from a Missionary Conference shall not be eligible to be elected to such position from the conference where his or her membership is held." We look forward to hearing a first hand report on General Conference from our two effective and hard working delegates.

#### **Mile Post Directions**

1. Last Conference session we set in motion a study that has taken a look at where the Conference has been and where it ought to be going in the years immediately ahead. Dr. Janes H. Davis, Research Director, National Division, has given us staff leadership throughout the year. During October and November, 1975, Jim visited every active United Methodist Church and agency in Alaska, interviewing the pastor and directors, community people, and others, and holding a group interview with the local church Council on Ministries (or the equivalent).

In the months following the researcher's visit, the churches were asked to use a Self Study guide and return the completed forms to Jim. From all the material secured thus far, a report was prepared, entitled, "What's Ahead For the United Methodist Church in Alaska?" This study guide was used as basis for discussion in

each Spring Charge Conference. On Saturday, May 9, the Continuing Consultation Committee met in Portland to review the studies' overall development and recommendations before Jim prepared his presentation for the Conference tomorrow morning.

The very best research document has no power in and of itself to set priorities, make changes, give direction, and get on with the job that needs to be done. The responsibility rests with us, the Annual Conference and with our program agencies. Your Council on Ministries recognizes this fact and has recommendations to make as to how to use this excellent research document and the missional priorities of the General Conference in a process of establishing the Alaska Missionary Conference goals for the next four years. If adopted, this will be a year-long process which will begin now and be finalized a year from now at Annual Conference.

2. In the Superintendent's judgment, one of the most effective milepost directions we have taken was the setting up regular consultations between the Alaska Missionary Conference and the National Division which started March 19, 1974 and have continued with three consultations last conference year and three this. As a result of these consultations, the National Division in its March meeting in Chicago adopted the consultations' recommended Administrative Policies and Procedures and the Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Alaska Missionary Conference, along with certain recommendations of the Joint Committee on Alaska Strategy Development. These documents were included in the packet you received when you registered. These policies will supercede all other administrative and personnel policies in effect.

The original consultation committee appointed by Bishop Jack M. Tuell was: Jack Townshend, Grace Wilson, Bill Trudeau and the Superintendent. This team has had an excellent track record so much so that the National Division is recommending funding another team for this quadrennium, a team of four to be elected at this Conference session.

3. A new development for our Conference was the Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference held at Birchwood Camp, October 10-12. I am certain this Lay-Clergy Retreat would not have come into being this year if it had not been for Jack Townshend, our conference Lay Leader's persistent effort. Dr. Jameson Jones, President of Iliff School of Theology, and his wife Bonnie, along with Dr. Randolph Nugent, Associate General Secretary of the Board of Global Ministries, National Division, Bishop Jack M. Tuell and wife Marji provided our leadership. The retreat fulfilled a real need. The evaluations were positive and plans are underway for another Lay Clergy Retreat back to back with the Pastors-Wives Retreat in February, 1977.

4. The Alaska Native Ministry program has been without a director since Ray Baines left June 15, 1975. The native ministry committee made up of United Methodists and United Presbyterians have been working on the direction this joint venture should take. The committee has sought to define goals for the program, define the target group, and redefine the job description of the paid staff. In the near future, action must be taken by all involved concerning the scope of the program, its funding, and leadership pattern.

5. Sally Lowery, chairperson for the Pipeline Ministry, has done an excellent job in launching this new project. Mel Vostry started his pipeline chaplaincy assignment August 1975. Don't miss reading his report on page 58 of the pre-conference hand-book. Thus far our churches have responded well to assuming 28% of the pipeline ministry budget and the National Division the other 72%. We will be

announcing another pipeline ministry Sunday with a special offering to underwrite our continued support of this vital ministry.

6. Another milepost in ecumenical cooperation took place in the formation on January 14, 1976, of the Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish involving the Community United Methodist Church of Nome, Nome Presbyterian, Gambell Presbyterian, and Savoonga Presbyterian. The United Methodist Pastor assigned to Nome will now have the opportunity for ministry in two denominations, as well as relating to the ministry on St. Lawrence Island, as agreed by all parties involved. A Larger Parish Council will meet at least twice a year.

7. Alaska Children's Services, under the leadership of John Garvin, continues to respond well and be strengthened and improved. Along with its work at Jesse Lee Home, the Center for Children and Parents, Goup Homes, and the Youth Services Center, is the Iliuliuk Family and Health Services in Unalaska. It grew out of a pilot project in community organization, enabled by A.C.S. during 1971-73. The social service component of I.F.H.S. is being underwritten by a special three year grant from the National Division. A.C.S. is taking a hard look at the possibility of a major fund raising crusade to assure the future work of A.C.S. Walt Hays, with real enthusiasm in his voice, told me last week that he was going to become a specialist in deferred giving and fund raising. Power to him--there is real need for leadership in this field within United Methodism within Alaska.

8. The exact future of Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital is not clear at this moment. The Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries, the owners of the hospital, decided early last fall not to mortgage their property to build a new hospital. This brought to a sudden halt all planning for a new hospital.

Norton Sound Health Corporation proposed a "Buy Agreement" and the Women's Division agreed to sell the existing structure to them on condition that they get funding and proceed with the building of health facilities at Nome.

Thus far, Norton Sound Health Corporation has not been able to put together a funding package. They have declared the "Buy Agreement" no longer valid and both parties have started on a new round of talks trying to arrive at a sell agreement. At the annual meeting of the Corporate Board held in Nome, May 28, the following motion was made: "The Board of Directors goes on record to the National Division to explore the possibility of a management contract or lease contract for a transitional period with the Norton Sound Health Corporation." Just where this will lead is too early to tell. The one thing we know for sure is that we have excellent administration leadership in Gretchen H. Srigley and we are indeed grateful.

9. At General Conference, legislation was passed whereby American University, Scarritt College, and A.M.U. will share in a \$500,000 annual appropriation as designated by the Board of Higher Education. How much A.M.U. will receive will depend on the nature and program of A.M.U. in the future. By July 1, the current operation of the university will be closed but a new chapter in A.M.U.'s history will start to unfold. The board voted not, at this time, to consummate the sale offer to the State but started a structural planning period to conclude with plans for the future reported for consideration at the February meeting of the Board. Dr. Dennis Binning, a consultant to the Board of Higher Education, is submitting a plan for the structural planning period and, if accepted, by the Executive Committee this Friday morning, he will be hired to work with the Board in charting a new course for A.M.U.

10. The Alaska Missionary Conference has taken seriously the objective of working toward self support. Even though we have increased the base salary from \$7930 to

\$8600 for 1976 and the Social Security payment from the church from \$371 to \$604, we still were able to reduce the National Division subsidy by \$4500. This is being accomplished by the splendid response of the non-self supporting parishes who increased their pledged salary support by \$15,705 or an average of \$1745 per parish. I believe this is the largest yearly increase the non-self supporting churches have ever made.

The self supporting churches for the first time are committed to pay into the non-self supporting salary pool \$3837 on a pro-rated base along with special gifts pledged at \$1920 for a total of \$5757. For 1977, the proposed conference budget is projecting the base salary at \$9200, with the self supporting churches asked to share \$6000 along with anticipated special gifts of \$2500. This will allow a minimum reduction in the National Division subsidy of another \$2000. We will not know until late summer whether our block grant subsidy request from the National Division has been approved.

As of June 1, the Church of the New Covenant in Kenai joined the other seven self-supporting churches to give us 8 such churches. It is anticipated that on the 10th anniversary of the founding of the East Anchorage United Methodist Church in the fall, it will become our 9th self supporting church. Which of our churches will be the tenth?

### **This Took Place in 1975-76**

Roger and Olive Robison and family arrived at their new appointment at Sitka after Conference and the congregation has responded well to their pastoral leadership. Melvin Vostry was appointed to the Pipeline Ministry effective August 1. Bishop and Mrs. Jack Tuell, as their custom is to serve in a local church for two weeks some place in their area, accepted the invitation of Fairbanks United Methodist Church to serve last July while their pastor and family were on vacation.

Two of our institutions have had leadership changes. John R. Lloyd, because of health reasons, resigned as administrator for Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital and Gretchen H. Srigley was appointed as administrator. Dr. John O. Picton resigned as President of Alaska Methodist University and Robert K. Dellenbach was elected on August 27 and was installed as the fourth President of AMU on November 3.

In Anchorage, the University Community Ministry came into being after several years of talks and planning. It is an ecumenical approach to the ministry on the campuses of higher education in Anchorage. On August 15, Rev. Conrad Zipperian started his work as a U.C.M. staff person serving U.C.M. half time and St. Mark Lutheran Church the other half. The ministry to the university campuses in Anchorage is financed largely ecumenically by the Anchorage churches while a similar work in Fairbanks is financed largely through denominational line item support.

There has been only one birth in our parsonage homes this year: a son, Joel Daniel, born to Eugene and LaRae Groves on May 22. Our love and best wishes goes to James and Fay Fellers after seven years of service in the Mission as they now transfer from the Kansas West Conference to the Oregon-Idaho Conference, and to Boone and Nancy White as they return to their home conference, Oregon-Idaho, after four years of service in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Wedding bells rang out four times in our parsonage families: July 26, Kathy Smith, daughter of Dick and Donna Smith, married Steven Willhoite; August 16, Robert Roy, son of Bob and Doris McNabb, married Sherry Fiebiger; August 23,



Allen O., also son of Bob and Doris McNabb, married Nora Adair. January 25, Nancy Cramer, daughter of Max and Gladys Cramer, married Dennis Lunsford.

Three of our parsonage families were bereaved by the death of a parent. Fay Fellers' mother passed away in June and both John Garvin and August Aamodt lost their fathers in October.

December 5, Doris Grant, widow of Bishop A. Raymond Grant, died after a long illness. I had the privilege of regular correspondence with her, largely about AMU, until the week of her death. She was always interested in what was taking place in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Anchor Park United Methodist Church purchased a new Rodgers Organ and Chugiak United Methodist Church secured an Allen Organ. On September 3, John Shaffer had the unique opportunity of leaving on an education study tour of the Republic of China, sponsored by AMU.

Starting September 24 and for the following two weeks, Dr. Bernard Cook, Field Representative, Northwest Region, Office of Church Extension of the National Division, and the Superintendent made a personal survey and inspection of nearly all the property held in Alaska in the name of the National Division.

Late afternoon on November 18, the entire inside of the Anchor Park Church parsonage was consumed by a fire. The churches of the mission responded generously to the needs of the Anchor Park church and parsonage family. By mid-February, the parsonage family moved back into a lovely remodeled parsonage after a sojourn at the Mission House. On Sunday evening, May 24, a fire broke out in a closet of the Fellowship Hall of the St. John United Methodist Church. The fire caused little structural damage but considerable smoke damage. At this time we are hopeful that the insurance will cover the cost of restoration.

At the conclusion of the Girdwood Charge Conference held on Sunday, December 13, the treasurer of the church signed the last mortgage check which made the property free and clear of debt. Congratulations! On Sunday, February 15, 25th anniversary services were held at Homer and Ninilchik. Bishop Jack Tuell preached the anniversary sermon. The Homer Church, following the 11 o'clock service, had a joyous celebration planned by Bernadine Mutch.

We commend Don Hartman for his creative work in the field of television with the half-hour "Story Time" on Saturday mornings on channel 2. The Bridge has now completed two full years of publication, thanks to Don Hartman, editor, and the churches that helped in the preparation for mailing. August Aamodt led his third Alaskan work team to Honduras and the 1977 workcamp to Roatan, Bay Islands, Republic of Honduras, is now in the making. Thanks to Marji Tuell for her leadership in the various music workshops this winter. St. John United Methodist Church is now underway building the triangle connecting unit of their master plan to provide much needed space for this rapidly developing church in South Anchorage.

Word has just been received that John Garvin, Executive Director of Alaska Children's Services, will be granted in August his PhD. degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. In former years, he has received Masters Degrees in Social Work, Public Health, and Divinity, all from the University of Pittsburgh. Congratulations! We have several men enrolled in various continuing education programs, John Tindell, Bruce Bartel, and Bill Trudeau. Local Church officer training felt a boost this year with the "First Annual Helpshop" held at Turnagain on January 15. Fifty-six persons attended. Marjorie Wooster headed us in the direction of the new quadrennium following her training at the Consultation on World Hunger, October 6-7. Since then, she has assisted various local churches in conducting programs on hunger.

Statistics for the most part have taken a turn for the better this year. As our

custom is, we have again paid all connectional asking 100%. Church membership has been on a steady decline since 1971 when we reported 4235. This year we reversed the trend a bit by increasing our membership over last year by 32, making a membership of 3413. This was not a significant gain compared to the state's increase of population, but it is a new start in the right direction. Average attendance at worship services increased by 140 per week. Total church school membership reversed a decreasing trend by 136, and the average church school attendance figure increased by 115. United Methodist Women increased their membership by 17. Value of church land, buildings and equipment has followed inflationary trends by \$969,900 while the value of parsonages increased by \$147,500. Indebtedness on church buildings and parsonages now stands at \$324,010 a decrease this year of \$36,793. Pastors salaries paid by the local churches (not covering mission subsidy) has increased by \$6,141.

Our benevolence giving has shown remarkable increases. General Advance specials increased \$2,900, for a total of \$8,183.

One great Hour of Sharing leaped from \$968 to \$4,089, an increase of \$3121, largely due to Fairbanks' offering of \$2411. World Communion offering increased \$517, United Methodist Student Day increased \$190, and Human Relations offering increased \$153. Total benevolent giving increased \$3,981. Christian Education Sunday hit a high of \$404, Pipeline Chaplaincy fund totaled \$3,761 and we contributed above the pro-rate assessment for native ministries, \$841. This has been a good financial year.

### **Untold Ministries of Service**

I want to lift up two different kinds of kingdom building service that speaks of the untold ministries carried on by the laity of our churches.

1. In the Anchorage Daily News for May 14, 1976, there appeared an article entitled, "Natalie Often Goes to Jail--As a Visitor." The article starts out by saying, "Natalie Brooks, a 40 year old music teacher and mother of three, will go to jail Sunday afternoon. Natalie, however, is not the least disturbed by this: she spends almost every Sunday afternoon at the state prison at Eagle River, talking with inmates and lending a concerned ear to their problems...Accompanied by a small group of fellow members of the Chugiak United Methodist Church, including the Rev. Gene Groves, she has been making the weekly visits since the time we knew the prison was built."

Natalie Brooks, for you who are new to the Conference, has been our Chairperson for Christian Social Concerns for the past four years. To her and many other unnamed layfolk who have served with equal devotion this quadrennium, we give you our thanks.

2. Now, a different kind of service: I am remembering Lee and Lucille Dale, as John Shaffer has called them "Volunteer carpenters for the Lord from Florida." This past summer and into the fall, this dedicated husband and wife carpenter team rendered service to our Ketchikan, Sitka, and Nome churches, and then returned for their second term of service at Alaska Children's Services. On a number of Sundays, they supplied various pulpits, inspiring others to use their God-given talents for the Lord. May their tribe increase.

### **Personal Words**

In conclusion, several words of appreciation. We are all appreciative of the strong leadership Bishop and Mrs. Jack M. Tuell give to the Alaska Missionary

Conference and the willingness of the Bishop to attend numerous emergency AMU Board meetings. At this Conference Jack Townshend will conclude his quadrennial service as Conference Lay Leader. The marks of his leadership will long remain with this conference. Danita Trudeau, as Council on Ministries coordinator, has given invaluable service and direction to the Council, and to Mary Thompson a special word of thanks. The office has never run smoother or more efficiently than her gracious abilities have made it.

"There is nothing new under the sun," said the writer of Ecclesiastes. "Behold, I make all things new," said the God of Revelation. And inbetween these two philosophies of life, both filled with truth, we of the Alaska Missionary Conference must live and move and have our being. Much of what we know about human beings and their environment remains interestingly, sometimes depressingly, the same. And yet, ...the Almighty God who created all that is has made known His will to breath newness of life into His creation through Christ. It is in this faith that we continue to labor in His Name. "Committed to Christ - Called to Change" ..Amen! And so be it!



*Bishop Jack Tuell and Bishop Eric A. Mitchell of India, Conference Devotional leader, visit with Glenn Kulukhon.*

## IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1976 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The fifth Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference, representing the 72nd Anniversary of Organized Methodism in Alaska, convened at the First United Methodist Church in Fairbanks, Alaska, on June 3, 1976. Registration and the lay briefing session occupied the morning, leading to the first luncheon together at noon.

### A. OPENING SESSION, ROLL OF THE DEAD

Bishop Jack Tuell opened the conference with the Memorial Communion Service at 1:00 pm, with the singing of the traditional Wesley hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive?" He was assisted by Bishop Eric A. Mitchell of India. The Conference Secretary, Roger W. Thompson, read the roll of those who joined the Church Everlasting:

#### Bishops

Clement Daniel Rockey

#### Bishop's Wives or Widows

Doris K. Grant

Frances Kelly

Magdalene Mueller

#### Alaska Churches

Ben McComas; Anchorage, First

Robert R. Johnson; Fairbanks, First

James Logan; Fairbanks, First

Parker Murphy; Fairbanks, First

Charles Bobo; Kenai, Church of the New Covenant

Elsie MacGowan; Ketchikan, First

Al Robertson; Ketchikan, First

Elsie Ball; Nome Community

Lydia Bell; Nome Community

Andrew Peterson; Seward Memorial

Viola Sweatmen; Seward Memorial

Valentine Tutiakoff; Seward Memorial

James Brewer; Soldotna

Byron Brewer; Soldotna

Following the singing of the hymn, "For All the Saints", host pastor Richard R. Smith preached on the topic, "We Are Surrounded", basing his remarks on the text from Hebrews 11, and developing the theme. He pointed out that, while we were surrounded by the evidence of decadence, we were also encompassed by the hosts of Almighty God with whom problems become opportunities, and opportunities lead to victory in Christ.

After a brief recess, Bishop Tuell called the conference to order with prayer. The first order of business was establishing the "Bar" of the conference, first 6 rows of pews, and the nominating by Ac Wischmeier of the Courtesy and Appreciation Committee, Bruce Bartel and Jackie Oberg. They were elected. Rev. Wischmeier introduced our host pastor Richard Smith and his wife Donna, and two men working with youth at First Church, Fairbanks: Terry Hayward and Terry Llène, both of whom

are headed for the ministry. Bishop Eric A. Mitchell of India was presented to the conference as the visiting bishop and devotional leader for this year's conference. Mrs. Marji Tuell and Mrs. Irene Wischmeier were presented with Alaska Fur Corsages and embraced by the bishop. Other introductions included: Dr. James H. Davis, Research Director of the National Division, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Countryman from the Field Service and Finance Department of the National Division, and the Rev. and Mrs. Roger Robison who were appointed to Sitka at the 1975 Conference but arrived after the conference.

Institutional Representatives were then introduced: Alaska Children's Services - Jean Stassel and Walter Hays; Nome Community Center - Chip Swanson. Youth Delegates presented were Lori Larson and Robin Musgrove. From the Advance Department the Rev. David H. Blackburn was introduced, also, the Rev. Mel Vostry from the Pipeline Ministries, and Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mission Office secretary.

Mr. Everett Patton, son of Rev. J.J. Patton, who served the First Methodist Church in Fairbanks from 1913-1916, presented the conference with an historic booklet entitled, "Through the Heart of Alaska by Way of the Yukon", the account of Dr. A. B. Leonard's visitation of the Alaska Methodist Episcopal Churches in 1905. Bishop Tuell thanked Mr. Patton both for the booklet and for the life of his father. The booklet is to be deposited with the conference historian.

Greetings were read from Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Bishop Wilbur W.Y. Choy, and the Rev. and Mrs. Owen J. Beadles. Greetings were sent to the above and to Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Groves, Mrs. Everett W. Palmer, Mrs. Gertrude Knight, Rev. Tom Whitehead, and to Mrs. J.J. Patton, widow of the late Rev. Patton, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, July 16.

Rev. Ac C. Wischmeier, superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference, gave his annual report, an over view of the work of the mission for the past year, text on page 13 of this Journal. His report received a hearty applause by the conference and a sincere expression of gratitude by Bishop Tuell.

## **B. COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Barbara Shaffer, in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. Boone White, presented the report of the Council on Finance and Administration. As a result of the actions of General Conference, the budget printed in the pre-Conference Journal needed to be altered at certain points. Number 6, page 2 in the printed pre-Conference Journal, the amount of \$1,716 was increased to \$2,753. The figure of \$188,766, #8, was increased to \$189,575. The question was asked why our Education Fund showed such an increase from 1976. Ac Wischmeier explained that this was the first year that we have accepted our apportionment in full. Jack Townshend questioned the increase in our World Service apportionments and the same answer was given: accepting our full share.

At the suggestion of Dave Fison, the word "subsidy" was dropped from line D "Sources of Income" of the printed tentative Conference Budget for 1977. A word of caution was given by Ac Wischmeier regarding the use of monies from the Benevolent Reserve Fund, noting that it has continued to diminish each year to where we have only about \$1,000, compared to \$10,000 in 1969.

Other budget changes are reflected in the revised budget appearing later in this Journal. The report was received with thanks.

Barbara Shaffer presented a personal survey of pastor's salaries, 1960-1975, which was referred to the Equitable Salary Committee.

A ten minute recess was then declared by Bishop Tuell.

Rev. James Fellers, in the model of a sports announcer, acted as "M.C." for the presentation of a Council on Ministries skit, on the theme of a football game, which was received with applause.

### **C. GENERAL CONFERENCE**

The report from General Conference was given by Robert Bowers, clergy delegate, and Danita Trudeau, lay delegate. The three part presentation began with a visual synopsis of the conference, followed by Rev. Bowers' giving a report on the "contrasts" and his "observations" of the complex body. Mrs. Trudeau delineated the issues and actions of the conference. She focused in on World Hunger, Ethnic Minorities, and Evangelism as among the priorities for the Quadrennium, recalling that the United Methodist Church lost 1 million members in the past 4 years. Bishop Tuell thanked our delegates and also John Shaffer, who was a page.

Rev. Everett Wenrick, chaplain of Campus Ministries at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks' campus, was introduced to the conference by Rev. Wischmeier.

### **D. COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE AND COUNSEL**

John Shaffer, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel. It was moved and seconded that we suspend the rule of the conference calling for it to be organized into Legislative sections. After much discussion, it carried.

John Tindell rose to a point of order and requested more time to study the document. The time was extended 15 minutes beyond the order of the day. Later, Ac Wischmeier moved to extend the time 5 minutes. Carried. Below appears the changes in the Rules of the Conference that were passed by the body. Changes refer to the text found in the 1976 pre-Conference Handbook.

#1, Page 10 First Paragraph regarding Standing Committees: add, after Equitable Salary Commissions: ", and Board of Pensions."

#2, Page 10, Section 4 to read:

"No person shall serve on any one general committee or standing committee of the Mission whose members are elected by the Annual Missionary Conference more than eight years and no chairperson for more than four years with the following exceptions and provisions:..."

#3, Page 10, Section 5 to read:

"Standing Committees shall organize, with chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE GENERAL COMMISSIONS AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF SUBCOMMITTEES SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPON NOMINATION BY THE CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Committees shall further organize with vice chairperson and secretary. Where feasible, both clergy and laypersons shall be represented among the officers. The chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary of each general and standing committee shall be indicated in the Annual Missionary Conference Journal.

### **E. GENERAL COMMISSIONS MEMBERSHIP**

a. Membership on the General Commissions shall be:

1. as Executive Committee

Christian Social Responsibility chairperson

Christian Social Concerns chairperson

Health and Welfare Ministries chairperson

Christian Nurture chairperson

Education chairperson  
 Communication chairperson  
 Board of Ministry chairperson  
 Conference Historical Society chairperson  
 Worship chairperson  
 Christian Outreach chairperson  
 Global Concerns chairperson  
 Evangelism chairperson  
 Ecumenical Affairs chairperson  
 Lay Activities and Temporal Economy chairperson  
 Pensions chairperson  
 Hospital and Medical Insurance chairperson  
 Ex-officio: Lay Leader  
     Council on Finance & Administration chairperson  
     Equitable Salaries Committee chairperson

2. As Conference Committees, those officially seated at Annual Conference shall be assigned by the Nominating Committee to serve on a General Commission for the duration of that Conference. Both clergy and laity shall be represented on the committees.

b. General Commissions have authority to develop Task Forces on specific concerns as needed, making the chairpersons of those task forces full voting members of General Commissions.

c. Membership on the Standing Committees shall be (same as page 13 (k), adding: Board of Pensions

Lay - 2      Clergy - 2

d. Add to (1) "Delegates at large shall serve one year periods." at the end.

e. Same as "m"

f. Same as "n"

#4, Page 16, Section 2 under the Council on Ministries, the part of the paragraph naming ex-officio members, change "director of Alaska Native Ministries" to read "a representative of Alaska Native Ministries committee."

#5, A special committee of the Conference Council on Ministries recommended and the Committee on Reference and Counsel endorsed that a waiver of the Rules Section 6 (pages 10,11, and 12, and page 15-C-4) be recognized for this Conference session. This would apply to all items concerning Legislative Committees. This would mean that all matters will be brought to the floor of Conference directly and we would operate as a committee of the whole. If this proves successful, perhaps a rule change could be made next year.

The Rules Committee has endorsed this and is prepared to make this as a motion.

#6, The chairperson of Rules has been asked to request a study of salary problems between appointments upon transfer in and out of the Alaska Missionary Conference - see page 14, #6, Section 2, with referral to the new committee on Reference and Counsel for possible changes at this 1976 Annual Conference. On Number 6, Section 2, June might be changed to July, adding the phrase "beginning in 1977" at the end of the statement. Section 3, after "shall begin," you might strike the remainder of the statement reading "when the pastor takes over his responsibilities of that church" and add "July 1st."

#7, Committee on Reference and Counsel should be granted authority to bring the rules into harmony with the decisions of the General Conference and the Judicial Council, as well as in harmony with any ruling of Bishop Tuell and the regular content of the Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

After several announcements, the conference recessed.

## **THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 3**

Following dinner, the Conference gathered in the sanctuary of First Methodist for worship led by Larry Bennett, Lay Leader-Elect. A most impressive organ and choir concert, under the direction of Dr. James Johnson of the host church, was woven into the service, with Bishop Jack Tuell speaking on the 150th Psalm. He emphasized that as many different instruments praise God, even the "clanging cymbal", so we in our varied ways and talents may also praise God.

A reception honoring Bishop and Mrs. Jack Tuell, Bishop Eric A. Mitchell, and other distinguished guests was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Townshend in their home.

## **FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 4**

Morning was broken in praise of God as Rev. Robert McNabb led us in worship. Our Conference preacher, Bishop Mitchell, preached on the topic: "The Most Searching Question." The question, that of the Philippian jailer, was "What shall I do to be saved?" Commitment to Christ, consecrated in His service, and demonstrated in daily life was Bishop Mitchell's answer.

One of our "new" pastors, the Rev. Revelle Roach, and his wife Estelle were introduced to the Conference. The Roaches are not "new" to Alaska, as they served the Homer Parish from 1958 to 1961. Chaplain (Col.) Robert B. Howerton and his wife Gerry from Fort Richardson, Alaska, were also presented at this time.

### **F. DAVIS REPORT**

Dr. James H. Davis, Research Director of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, presented his Long Range report: "What's Ahead for the United Methodist Church in Alaska?" He began his report with a slide presentation focusing on Environment, Native Alaskans, Leadership Development, Methodist Agencies, and Local Churches.

Following the visual report, the Conference grouped themselves into 3 areas for study: State-wide Issues, Administrative Issues, and Pastor and Congregation Issues. Before recessing to the small groups, Mrs. Ruby DeBlasio from the Circuit Rider Book Store in Des Moines, Washington, was introduced to the Conference. The ministers' wives were excused to attend their luncheon.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 4**

Bishop Tuell called the Conference into session with the singing of the hymn, "I Love Thy Church, O God".

The first order of business was the nomination of the Committee on Nomination, Reference, and Counsel, the committee to be composed of 5 laypersons and 4 clergy. Lay nominations included: Wayne Mabry, Roland Stanton, Phil Robison, Mary Lou Hollett, Larry Bennett, Chris Brooks, as laypersons; John Tindell, John Shaffer, Bob Bowers, Arthur Knight, and Ac Wischmeier, ex officio as Mission Superintendent and chairman of the General Committee. Robert McNabb and Lori Larson were appointed by the bishop as tellers to receive the ballots.

### **G. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Rev. Eugene Groves, reporting for chairman, Natalie Brooks, drew our attention to the Christian Social Concerns report on page 33 of the Pre-Conference Handbook, remarking that the commission took a realistic view of things and did not adopt programs that would not be accomplished.

Rev. William Trudeau, reporting on Native Ministries, commented that there



were frustrations on the part of the previous Native Ministry Director and the committee. Presently they are looking to a 4 point program: (1) Seek to minister to natives with the Methodist and Presbyterian backgrounds in the Anchorage area. (2) Follow the "pastoral" model (3) Seek support from the local community and (4) Seek for two persons with pastoral and native cultural skills, with a \$50,000 budget.

Chaplain Melvin Vostry reported on his ministry on the Pipeline with a color slide and tape presentation. He referred the conference to his report on page 58-59 of the Pre-Conference Handbook and announced that he will return to seminary in either September or January, at which time a replacement will be needed.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be received.

Election results of the vote for the Committee on Nominations, Reference and Counsel were reported as follows: Lay - Roland Stanton, Wayne Mabry, Chris Brooks, Mary Lou Hollett, and Larry Bennett; Clergy - Robert Bowers, John Shaffer, John Tindell, and Ac Wischmeier.

A motion was made to receive the Davis Report, "What's Ahead for the United Methodist Church in Alaska" and to refer it to the Conference Council on Ministries for study and report to the 1977 annual missionary conference. It was amended to include "Local Churches". Motion carried.

## **H. CHRISTIAN NURTURE**

Rev. James Fellers, referred the body to page 40 of the Pre-Conference Handbook and presented Rev. Bruce Bartel who reported on the "Board of the Ministry". Bruce reported that ministerial candidate, Tom Lenhart was presently working on his PhD degree but that he had lost track of candidate Bill McClennehan. After some discussion, the word "should" was changed to "shall", page 40, paragraph #2, line 1 in the Pre-Conference Handbook.

The Historical Society report was received as it appears in the Handbook, page 40. Under Christian Nurture, General Committee, Number 1, paragraphs A, B, and C were received as printed. Rev. Walter Hays, referring to "D", encouraged local congregations to collect and forward historical material to Bea Shepard and Claudia Kelsey of the Historical Committee. Rev. Ac Wischmeier, speaking to the point of historical records, reported that they were still searching for the historical records that were stored in AMU's archives.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that a letter of gratitude be sent to Bea Shepard and Claudia Kelsey for their diligent and effective labors as conference historians.

In number 2 of the report, referring to the next Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference, the word "might" was substituted for "will" in lines 1, 5, and 6. Number 3 of the report was received as printed.

## **I. YOUTH REPORT**

Lori Larson, reporting on CCYM activities for the year, noted that not much happened. She nominated Augie Aamodt as Youth Coordinator. A motion to table lost. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knight were nominated by John Shaffer. Rev. Aamodt responded that, because of his Jurisdictional and Honduras responsibilities, it would be best not to nominate him. A motion to recess for 5 minutes for conferring passed.

Following recess, Miss Larson concurred with Rev. Shaffer's nomination and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knight were elected as youth coordinators.

The report continued commending the work at the S.E. Camp in the Juneau area, and urging a vital program for youth. Bishop Tuell observed that both money and permission were available.

The report was adopted as a whole. Mr. Wayne Mabry rose to a point of personal

privilege and resigned from the Nominating Committee, moving that a youth be chosen to take his place. The motion was seconded and carried.

The order of the day called for the report on the camp in S.E. Alaska, which just recently was relinquished by the School District to the Conference. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the S.E. Camp report be the first item on the agenda in the evening session tonight.

The Lay Leader's quadrennial report was interrupted by the order of the day. A motion to extend the time was withdrawn when it was learned that drivers were waiting to take members of the conference on a tour of Fairbanks.

The session adjourned at 3 pm.

### **FAIRBANKS TOUR**

Members of the Fairbanks United Methodist Church very obligingly arranged a tour for conference members to such interesting places as the Perma-frost Tunnel, the Pipeline construction area, and the University of Alaska Musk Ox Farm. Sincere gratitude was expressed to the church members responsible for the outing.

### **FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 4**

#### **J. ARGETSINGER, S.E. ALASKA CAMP**

Rev. Robert McNabb reported on the Argetsinger Camp in S.E. Alaska. He noted that the camp was turned over to the School District, but that we had the first option to repossess it. Due to the cut in the school budget, the district could no longer fund the camp and thus returned it to us. In order to use it this summer, \$1000 is needed for repairs. Rev. McNabb moved that \$1000 be taken from benevolent reserves to pay for the repair. Discussion followed. Rev. James Fellers moved to amend the motion to loan the S.E. Camp \$1000. Seconded by Robert Bowers. After further discussion, the question was called for and it was passed. The amendment was voted on and lost. The motion to give the camp \$1000 from Benevolent Reserves was voted upon and carried.

the S.E. Camp. Dave Fison moved to table the motion which was seconded and carried.

The item of insurance was discussed at length, noting that the insurance policy carried by the School District would terminate July 1, 1976. Since the National Division actually owns the property, now that it has been released by the School District, it was suggested that they be appraised of the insurance situation.

Rev. Bill Trudeau moved that "the resumption of responsibility for the S.E. Alaska Camp is referred to the Conference Council on Ministries for consideration at its Fall 1976 meeting; that the Board of Trustees meet during conference to make initial recommendations to the National Division concerning what is to happen to the camp insurance as of July 1st." Rev. Trudeau again moved, "The Council on Ministries be instructed to contact the top national Methodist expert on camping to come to Alaska to study our total camping situation with us and report to next years' conference if at all possible."

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the above Trudeau motions be referred to committee to report back to the conference.

#### **K. CONFERENCE LAY LEADER**

Jack Townshend resumed his quadrennial Conference Lay Leader report which not only was a review but a projection in the form of recommendations. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the report with gratitude and that it be referred to the Conference Council on Ministries. Bishop Tuell expressed his

personal thanks and that of the conference for the work of Jack Townshend, remarking that he was one of the best Conference Lay Leaders with whom he had the privilege of working.

## **L. OUTREACH**

Rev. Donald Hartman moved that the Evangelism report on page 33 of the Pre-Conference Handbook be accepted as printed. It was seconded and carried. Discussion followed. John Shaffer moved "that the Evangelism Commission be funded to the extent of \$500 for transportation from Benevolent Reserves." Amendment to the motion was made to give the Evangelism Commission \$500. The motion was defeated.

During the discussion, Rev. Richard Smith recommended the book by William Barclay, "Jesus Christ for Today" on visitation evangelism.

John Tindell moved "that the newly elected evangelism chairperson explore with the Board of Discipleship, arranging for the possibility of pastors and lay persons to lead a coordinated effort for visitation evangelism in the Alaska Missionary Conference some time in the quadrennium and report back information at the next session of the Alaska Missionary Conference". It was seconded and carried.

Rev. Max Cramer called the conference's attention to the Global Concerns report, page 33, #1 in the Pre-Conference Handbook and moved that the following be added to the paragraph: "That the conference authorize the Global Concerns committee to make recommendations on specific mission projects to the local churches, through the Council on Ministries in the area of World, National, UMCOR, and Conference Advance Specials. These recommendations to be adopted at the 1976 fall meeting of the Council on Ministries, for the years 1977-78." It was seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that in paragraph one, page 33, line 2, of the Global Concerns report that these words be added after Global Ministries: "and General Church". Also, in line 3, add after "church", the word "consider" and change the word "accept" to "accepting."

It was moved, seconded and carried that paragraph 2, page 34 of the Global Concerns Report be accepted as printed.

## **M. ADVANCE SPECIALS**

Rev. David H. Blackburn, Western Field Representative for the Advance Specials Department of the Board of Global Ministries, gave an enthusiastic and challenging report to the conference. He observed that the Alaska Missionary Conference led the church in per capita giving to the Human Relations Day Sunday offering and presented Bishop Tuell with a certificate of appreciation. He emphasized the importance of the Hunger program of the church and urged participation in this and the Advance program as a whole. A list, approved by the National Division at their May meeting, of Alaska Missionary Conference General Advance Special Projects for 1977-80 was distributed by Rev. Blackburn. (See page 40.) "Mission cultivation is everyone's task," was the closing remark of Rev. Blackburn.

## **N. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Mrs. Mary Lou Hollett, president of the conference United Methodist Women, presented her report as it appeared on page 30 of the Pre-Conference Handbook. In addition, she called attention to the UMW report on page 34 adding that Aleen Fison and Lydia Hays are available to local churches who may wish to become more knowledgeable regarding the Native Land Claims Act. Report adopted as a whole.

Rev. Robert Bowers moved that the time be extended ten minutes before

adjournment. It was seconded and carried.

Bishop Tuell appointed the following persons to the South East Argetsinger Camp Study Committee: Ac Wischmeier, Grace Wilson, Wayne Mabry, and William Trudeau.

## **O. NOMINATIONS**

On the basis of the Rule Changes, Rev. Ac Wischmeier made the following nominations as mimeographed. He moved that the Conference Officers be elected as noted. It was passed. Under General Committees, #2 Christian Nurture, Education, remove the titles "Children, Youth, Adult and Family Life," which was accepted. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the General Committees be elected with changes. Moved, seconded, and carried that the Standing Committees be elected, exempting the Council on Finance and Administration.

Lay nominations were received for the Council on Finance and Administration: Roland Stanton, Charles Cranston, William Hutchison, Barbara Shaffer, Jack Townshend, Bea Shepard, and Grace Wilson. Bishop Tuell announced that the conference would vote for 6 of the nominees.

Under "Other Committees and Boards of the Conference," Rev. Wischmeier moved that the Conference Board of Trustees and the Church Location and Building Committee be elected as mimeographed. Rev. John Shaffer moved that the rules of the conference be suspended to allow the names of Revelle Roach, Leo Wescott, and Bob Smay to be added to the Church Location and Building Committee. Both were carried.

The Birchwood Camp Committee was approved as printed.

The United Campus Ministry in Fairbanks, Wesleyan Nursing Home, and the Alaska Native Ministries Committee were elected as printed.

A motion to extend the time to 10:10 pm lost. The report of the voting for the Council on Finance and Administration members was read by the secretary: Roland Stanton, Charles Cranston, Grace Wilson, William Hutchison, Barbara Shaffer and Jack Townshend were elected.

Following several announcements, the conference was adjourned.

After adjournment, the conference was invited en masse to a party at the home of our gracious host family, Richard and Donna Smith.

## **SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 5**

Rev. McNabb again led us in worship in preparation for the sermon by Bishop Eric Mitchell. The bishop chose "The Supreme Question" as his morning topic, basing his thoughts on the story of the Good Samaritan. The answer to the question, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" is Love.

Bishop Tuell called the conference to session and turned the gavel over to Bishop Mitchell of India to preside. John Shaffer asked for the floor and suggested that we turn to business before speeches. Request denied.

Lori Larson moved "that Phil Robison be appointed as an alternate youth delegate with vote to replace me for the duration of the Alaska Missionary Conference." Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Gladys Cramer introduced Lillian Heasley from Pennsylvania, a retired deaconess who had served in the National mission field.

Rev. Wischmeier, reporting for the Nominating Committee, announced the nomination of Phil Robison as Youth Delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference and Glenn Kulukhon as alternate to the Jurisdictional Conference. It was seconded and carried. For Young Adult delegate to the same conference, Joseph Shipman, with Tom Larson, alternate. It was seconded and carried. Rev. David Fison was nominated to the Board of Ministry; seconded and carried.

## **P. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

The Lay Activities and Temporal Economy report was presented by Rev. John Shaffer. He moved that the Board of Pension plan and report as recorded on pages 34-36 in the Pre-Conference Handbook be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Shaffer moved the acceptance of the Stewardship Development Program proposal on pages 36-37 of the Pre-Conference Handbook with the addition of the following sentence at the end of the last paragraph: "The committee shall be composed of 3 laymen and 3 clergy and that expenses of the program be borne by the receipts from the campaign." It was seconded and carried.

Bishop Tuell introduced Dr. Frank Countryman of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the National Division. Dr. Countryman briefly reported on the success of his department, noting that they raised 50 million annually. Questions and answers followed his presentation. In answer to the question regarding the cost of a campaign for pensions and church extension in Alaska, Dr. Countryman assured the conference that there would be no service fee--only costs.

The check from the United Methodist Publishing House was presented by Bishop Tuell in the amount of \$85.35. It was received with thanks to be deposited in the Pension Fund account.

The Council on Ministries Report was moved as printed on page 37 of the Pre-Conference Handbook. Rev. August Aamodt moved "that at least one member of the Continuing Consultation Committee should be from the Council on Ministries. Seconded and carried.

The Lay Leader's Report on page 37 of the Pre-Conference Handbook was altered to read "Hold a biannual Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference beginning with the first year of the Quadrennium - 1977." Rev. Aamodt moved the "and that maximum effort be put forth by each local church to have at least one youth delegate" be added after "1977." It was seconded and carried.

Rev. Shaffer moved "that the Alaska Missionary Conference accept the invitation of the Lutheran Social Service Council to participate in planning a series of meetings with Herbert A. Schwarze, Director of the Area of Education for deferred giving (Wills and Estate Planning) in the fall of 1976 and spring of 1977 and seek some \$100.00 funding from Benevolent Reserves for this project. It was seconded and carried.

Under the Hospital and Medical Expense Program report, it was moved, seconded and carried that Group Dental Expense Insurance coverage be added to the Hospital and Medical Expense Program (see page 39, Pre-Conference Handbook). Dental rates for Plan I were corrected as follows: \$7.08 to \$4.77; \$134.52 to \$90.63; \$12.25 to \$7.64; \$232.75 to \$145.16 and \$367.27 to \$235.79 and are based upon 19 participating members.

Discussion followed regarding conference members dropping out of the conference health insurance program and its effect upon continuing members.

Rev. Trudeau moved "that the HMEP chairman study the current HMEP program to determine the impact of conference members leaving the program and its effect on those remaining in the program, and to recommend to the 1977 conference whether membership in the programs should be mandatory for all members of the conference."

John Shaffer moved the amendment: "that, in addition, there be a study of the impact on those required to participate in the program, if that is recommended, both financially and in the area of morale." The amendment and the motion were seconded and carried.

## **Q. COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Conference then considered the Council on Finance and Administration's report as printed in the white Yearbook and Journal. It was moved that the recommendation on page 2 be approved as previously corrected. It was seconded and carried.

It was moved that #13 on page 3 be altered to read, "That the churches of the conference continue to pay the ministers an amount equal to one-half the social security figure each year." Seconded and carried.

Barbara Shaffer moved that to #12 be added the sentence, "except funds received from Christian Education offerings and from A.V. Library fees which may be held over to the next year." It was seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed budget of the Council on Ministries for 1977 as printed in the white yearbook and journal be adopted as printed. Some discussion followed.

Mr. Wayne Mabry moved that the undesignated \$228 be allocated to Evangelism. It was seconded but did not pass.

It was noted that the term "Blackburn Mission Conference" was an incorrect designation as reported in the P.C.J. and should read "Jurisdictional Mission Conference." It was accepted by common consent, and the report was received with the noted correction.

The conference recessed to have a group picture taken.

Upon the resumption of business, Bishop Tuell announced that a check was received in the amount of \$14.65 to the Pension Fund to add to the United Methodist Publishing House check, to bring the amount to \$100.00.

## **R. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE BUDGET**

The tentative Alaska Missionary Conference Budget for 1977, on pages 4 and 5 of the white yearbook and journal, as amended by the yellow mimeographed sheet, was moved by John Shaffer and seconded. Question and answers followed, and the budget was approved.

As a result of the discussion on the budget, Bishop Tuell proposed that he make an official request to the Division of National Missions to determine the mix of the Block Grant from the Division: how much comes from Advance Specials and how much from World Service on apportionment. It was approved.

A motion to adopt all financial reports was seconded and carried. A motion to adopt all financial reports as given was seconded and carried.

Robin Musgrove moved the following amendments to "The constitution of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries": Substitute the following for the first sentence in Article IV, Meetings: "At least one annual Youth Event of Alaska youth will be held each year in conjunction with and/or prior to the Alaska Missionary Conference." Page 3, under By-laws, subparagraph Meetings, substitute in the first sentence: A Youth Event" for "Annual Meeting;" delete "just" and insert between "The" and "Annual," "and/or during." It was seconded and carried.

Rev. Aamodt moved "that in the future, the Nominating Committee give top priority to the selection of adult youth workers after consultation with the Conference Youth Council, or if they are not available, such youth leaders that are known in the conference." It was seconded and carried.

Rev. Ac Wischmeier nominated the following to the Continuing Consultation Committee: Rev. Robert Bowers, Dr. Larry Bennett, and Mrs. Mary Lou Hollett. Rev. David Fison was nominated from the floor. Ballots were distributed to elect three. Bishop Tuell appointed Phil Robison and Bernadine Mutch as tellers. Those elected were Larry Bennett, Robert Bowers, Mary Lou Hollett.

Stewardship Crusade nominees (3 Lay and 3 Clergy) were presented by Rev. Wischmeier: Lay: Sally Lowery, Glenn Simpson, Bea Shepard; Clergy: Richard Smith, August Aamodt, Roger Thompson. The nominations were seconded and carried.

Dee McNabb asked for the floor and thanked the conference for the gift that made it possible for her and her daughter, Margey, to fly to Fairbanks from Whitehorse where their car had broken down.

It was moved by Charles Cranston, seconded and carried, "That in the event of a short fall in the sources of income reflected in the budget adopted at the 1976 Alaska Missionary Conference, the Council on Finance and Administration shall have the authority to make necessary adjustments in expenditures to achieve a balanced budget. The decisions of the Council on Finance and Administration shall be approved by the Conference Council on Ministries with regard to program items."

Reports were received from Rev. Walter Hays and Rev. Robert Bowers concerning Alaska Children's Services, with Rev. Bowers emphasizing the work reopened at Unalaska. Rev. Hays moved that the conference express its appreciation to Glen Wright, Director, and the IHFS Board of Directors at Unalaska for the fine work that they have done and are doing. It was seconded and carried.

A motion for reference was made by Rev. Shaffer to the effect "that the composition of the Continuing Consultation Committee be referred to the Committee on Reference for recommendations." It was seconded and carried.

## **S. INSURANCE, ARGETSINGER CAMP**

Rev. William Trudeau moved "that the National Division be requested to pick up insurance for the S.E. Alaska Argetsinger Camp as of July 1, 1976 or upon termination of insurance by the Juneau School District. We further move that the Conference Council on Ministries be instructed to study, in conjunction with the local camp committee and a consultant from the Committee on Camping for the General Board of Discipleship, the camp's feasibility and recommend to the 1977 Alaska Missionary Conference session concerning its future operation as a United Methodist Camp. We also recommend that the services of the consultant be used on a similar review of the Birchwood Camp." It was seconded and carried.

Rev. Wischmeier moved that the Southeast camp problem be referred to the local committee for recommendations to the Conference Council on Ministries, who shall in turn report to the 1977 Annual Conference. It was seconded and carried.

Conference. Rev. Shaffer immediately nominated Rev. David Fison as a representative to replace Rev. Bowers. It was seconded and carried.

Rev. Bruce Bartel resigned his position with the Ministry in Higher Education. Lydia Hays was nominated to take his place. She was elected.

Rev. Augie Aamodt reported on the work camp that he led to Honduras and indicated that plans were crystalizing for the 1976-77 work camp. Following his report, he moved, "that if private funds can be obtained, Augie be given encouragement to invite the Rev. Donoval Johnson of Honduras, to Alaska during Pastors and Wives Retreat and that he be available to speak in Alaska United Methodist Churches." It was seconded and passed. He further moved that a letter of greeting be sent from the conference to the Rev. Johnson in Honduras. It was seconded and carried.

Dr. Larry Bennett, newly elected conference Lay Leader, spoke briefly indicating that he was looking forward with hope to serving the church in the Alaska Mission. It is his intention to visit each church in the conference during this, his first year.

Mrs. Danita Trudeau distributed the Native Ministries report and urged that material on her literature table be taken.

Rev. Donald Hartman invited the Anchorage Area Pastors to have lunch together.

The Juneau and Douglas delegates, en chorus, moved the following, "We, Father John and Father Bob, and all the glorious company of angels, on behalf of the congregations of the Douglas United Methodist Church and the Northern Light United Church, do invite the Alaska Missionary Conference to be held in Juneau-Douglas in 1977." It was seconded and carried.

The annual banquet was announced as being held at the First Nazarene Church at 10th and Lacy.

## **T. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

Rev. Bruce Bartel and Mrs. Jackie Oberg presented the following resolution of appreciation: "In gratitude for lives shared, work accomplished and love shown, we would like to express appreciation to the following persons that helped make the 1976 annual conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference a growing and rewarding experience: To Bishop and Marji Tuell for their leadership and personal sharing; to Ac and Irene Wischmeier for their work, support, concern and leadership with the Alaska Missionary Conference; to Bishop Eric A. Mitchell for his inspiring messages and reminders of international Methodism; to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Countryman for their sharing of information and pleasant smiles; to Dr. "Jim" Davis for his hours of labor and valuable information; to "Dave" Blackburn for his reminders of our mission connections and his recollection of past happenings of the Alaska Missionary Conference; to the First United Methodist Church of Fairbanks and its people, especially its choirs and music leaders, its cooks, those that shared housing and transportation, those that shared leadership and not least, the custodian; to the Jack Townshend family and the "Dick" Smith family for the special sharing of their homes; to Bob McNabb for his leadership in worship and perseverance in leading meetings; to Ruby DeBlasio for her time and travels in providing her book display; to Mary Thompson for hours of dedicated service; to Jim and Fay Fellers and Boone and Nancy White for years of service, best wishes; to "Jo" Scott for hosting the ministers' wives luncheon and to Roger Thompson for his work as Conference Secretary." The report was accepted with thanks.

A motion was made to adjourn the 5th annual conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference sine die, on Sunday, June 6, upon the reading of the ministerial appointments by Bishop Jack Tuell. It was seconded and carried. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Revelle Roach.

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 5**

### **U. GENERAL COMMITTEE'S OFFICERS**

In the afternoon on Saturday, the members of the Alaska Missionary Conference met in General Committees to elect officers and make plans. The four chairpersons, as previously specified, are Christian Social Responsibilities, Olive Robison; Christian Nurture, Keith Wise; Christian Outreach, Bruce Bartel; Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Jackie Oberg.

The following officers were elected by the above groups:

Christian Social Responsibilities, vice-chairperson, Rev. Robert Bowers, secretary pro-tem, Jean Stassel; Christian Nurture, vice-chairperson, Wayne Mabry, secretary, Bernadine Mutch; Christian Outreach, vice-chairperson, Robert Smay, secretary, Mary Lou Lawhorn; Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, vice-chairperson, Don Hartman, secretary, Barbara Shaffer.



## SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 5

Saturday evening, the Annual Conference Banquet was held in the social hall of the First Nazarene Church with the Conference Lay Leader, Dr. Larry Bennett, as master of ceremonies. A musical group of teenagers who called themselves "The Young Alaskans" presented a varied program in song. Bishop Eric A. Mitchell spoke to the topic "Challenges Facing the Church in Developing Countries," noting population as one of the problems. For India, he observed that it was not so much the rising birthrate but the declining death rate which was causing India's growth. Bishop Mitchell pronounced the benediction in his native Indian tongue.

## SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 6

Sunday morning at 8:00 am, Rev. Max Cramer led the conference in the traditional Love Feast. 9:00 am found the Alaska Missionary Conference assembled for the closing worship of the conference, led by the host pastor, the Rev. Richard Smith. During the service, Bishop Tuell received a hand-crafted silver candelabra as a gift from Indian Methodists by Bishop Mitchell. Bishop Tuell, in thanking Bishop Mitchell, designated First Methodist, Fairbanks, as the depository for the gift, to use and admire. Bishop Mitchell brought the concluding sermon of the conference, entitled, "A Bewildering Question," based on the scripture of John 3:1-13, the Nicodemus story. Following the sermon, Bishop Jack Tuell read the ministerial appointments for the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1976-77 and pronounced the benediction, bringing to a close the 5th annual conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Amen.



*Delegates and guests to the Alaska Missionary Conference  
First United Methodist, Fairbanks.*

## V. PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 1976-77

Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference	Ac Wischmeier	8
Anchorage: Anchor Park	Robert D. Bowers	6
Anchorage: East Anchorage-Hope	Roger W. Thompson	3
Anchorage: First	Bruce A. Bartel	1
Anchorage: St. John-Bayshore West	David K. Fison	5
Anchorage: Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish		
Turnagain United Methodist Church	William G. Trudeau	3
Jewel Lake Parish-Girdwood United Methodist Church	Donald L. Hartman	2
Trinity United Presbyterian Church (not appointed by United Methodist Bishop)		
Chugiak	L. Eugene Groves	8
Fairbanks: First	Richard R. Smith	3
Homer Parish: Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Anchor Park	Keith B. Wise	5
Douglas	Robert H. McNabb	3
Juneau: Northern Light United Church	John R. Tindell	3
Kenai: Church of the New Covenant	Arthur P. Knight	1
Ketchikan: First	Max W. Cramer	1
Nome-Awyaan Bering Sea Larger Parish	John J. Shaffer	3
Seward-Moose Pass-Cooper Landing	Revelle E. Roach	1
Sitka	Roger D. Robison	2
Soldotna-North Star	August E. Aamodt	5
Special Appointment with Annuity Claim:		
Pipeline Chaplain	R. Melvin Vostry	2

### Special Appointments in Alaska by other Bishops:

Executive Director, Alaska Children's Services	John C. Garvin	2
Associate Director, Alaska Children's Services	Walter L. Hays, Jr.	3
Director, Center for Children and Parents, Alaska Children's Services	Robert W. Nelson	2

VI. FINANCIAL AND  
STATISTICAL MATTERS

## A. Council on Finance and Administration

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Boone L. White, Chairman**

1. That the 1975 concluding statistics be the figures used to produce the 1977 grade point figures.
2. That all requests for funds from the conference budget shall be submitted to the Council at its pre-conference meeting.
3. That the Council on Ministries budget for 1977 be \$19,645.
4. That we continue to place \$1000 annually in the Conference budget which would be sent to the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund of the Board of Pensions to accrue interest for investment in 1978 to buy an additional \$10 pension base.
5. That the superintendent's salary be determined at the rate of 150% of the base salary for non-self-supporting churches plus the appropriate figure for years of service and all benefits provided pastors, and that the formula be effective retroactively to January, 1976.
6. That \$2753 be taken from Benevolent Reserves for the 1977 budget.
7. That we agree with the recommendations of the Equitable Salary Committee regarding salary and benefit levels for the pastors of the Conference and their program for funding.
8. That the total budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1977 be \$189,575, including \$75,766 from the Alaska Missionary Conference, \$112,500 from the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries (\$228 undesignated) and \$500 from the Board of Higher Education.
9. That the grade point figure be derived by the following formula:  
Grade point figure equals the average of the Membership Grade Figure and the Local Expense Grade Figure. The Membership Grade Figure equals total church membership divided by the total Alaska Missionary Conference membership at the end of the calendar year. Local Expense Grade Figure equals individual church expenditure divided by total expenditure of all Alaska Missionary Conference churches of the last calendar year. Local

expenses shall include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvements and benevolences), church school administration, materials, and supplies; and local paid portions of the pastor's salary and travel expenses.

Each local church has the right to appeal to the Commission on Finance and Administration concerning the amounts assessed, if there are unusual circumstances which should be considered provided this appeal be made prior to the spring meeting of the Council before the grade point figures are published.

10. That the apportionments set by the Council on Finance and Administration and transmitted to the Conference be accepted for the 1977 calendar year.
11. That the Alaska Missionary Conference office mail quarterly reports of all monies appropriated and received to the following: The National Division, the Bishop, and the appropriate local church personnel.
12. That all cash balances of A. B. and C. of the Conference budget revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, except funds received from Christian Education Offerings and from A.V. library fees which may be held over to the next year.
13. That the churches of the conference continue to pay the minister an amount equal to one-half the social security figure each year.
14. That the Advance Special giving continue to vigorously support all the United Methodist Institutions in Alaska, and further the observance of a "United Methodist Institutions in Alaska" Sunday, the date for it being recommended by the Council on Ministries.
15. That we draw attention of all churches to the policy of the National Division that all churches receiving funds from the "Ministerial Support Apportionments" of the Conference to supplement the amount paid by the local church toward the pastor's salary, shall conduct an annual Every Member Visitation.
16. We recognize that changing priorities in the National Division require the acceptance of increasing financial responsibilities on the part of Alaska churches and, therefore, we urge the aggressive development in increased local financial support.

## B. 1977 Apportionments to the Local Churches

CHURCH	GRADE POINT	MIN. SUPP.	CONN. ADM.	WORLD SERVICE	TOTAL
Anchor Park	8.46	2440	1141	1495	5076
Chugiak	3.40	981	458	601	2040
East Anchorage	7.07	2039	953	1249	4241
First; Anch.	13.90	4010	1874	2456	8340
Girdwood	.18	52	24	32	108
Jewel Lake	1.87	540	252	331	1123
St. John	3.87	1116	522	684	2322
Turnagain	6.56	1892	885	1159	3936
Fairbanks	14.19	4093	1913	2507	8513
Homer	2.24	646	302	396	1344
Ninilchik	.79	228	106	140	474
Seldovia	.37	107	50	66	223
Kenai	4.76	1373	642	841	2856
North Star	1.38	398	186	244	828
Soldotna	2.69	776	363	475	1614
Seward	2.99	863	403	528	1794
Moose Pass	.49	141	66	87	294
Nome	4.16	1200	561	735	2496
Douglas	3.69	1064	498	652	2214
Juneau, N. Lt.	6.22	1794	839	1099	3732
Ketchikan	7.72	2227	1041	1364	4632
Sitka	3.00	865	405	530	1800
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>28845</u>	<u>13484</u>	<u>17671</u>	<u>60000</u>

## C. Equitable Salary Committee

The Equitable Salary committee met on March 13 with the following action:

1. After reviewing the budget requests for supplementary financial aid from the non-self-supporting churches, the committee recommended that their requests be granted for the year 1976.
2. We recommended that the base salary of ministers, effective January 1, 1977, be raised from \$8600 to \$9200; continue the policy that the local church will reimburse the pastor for one half of his social security payment and leave the area adjustments at the same percentage presently in effect: Anchorage and southeast, at base; Kenai Peninsula, plus 6 percent; Fairbanks, plus 8 percent; Nome, plus 26 percent.
3. We recommend that self-supporting churches be allowed to increase their minister's salary beyond the 1976 salary provided that they accept the apportionment according to the special grade point.
4. We recommend that the increased budget amount over 1976 be raised according to the Grade Point which follows, with \$5000 coming from non-self-supporting churches, and \$6000 coming from self supporting ones, according to the following grade point table. The Salary Sharing Grade Point is the local church's Regular Apportionment Grade Point divided by the Total Grade Point of all the self-supporting churches.

### SALARY SHARING GRADE POINT TABLE, SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES

	GRADE POINT, 1977	1977 SHARING	TOTAL SHARED
Anchor Park	8.46	11.66	700
East Anchorage	7.07	9.74	584
First, Anch.	13.90	19.15	1149
Turnagain	6.56	9.04	542
Fairbanks	14.19	19.56	1174
Ketchikan	7.72	10.64	638
Douglas	3.69	5.08	305
Juneau	6.22	8.57	514
Kenai	4.76	6.56	394
	<u>72.57</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>6000</u>

David Rosen, Chairman

## D. Approved\*Advance Special Projects

By National Division Program Units

	<u>Program Funds</u>	<u>Capital Funds</u>
A. AGENCY CONCERNS		
Native Children's Camping Fund	\$ 6,000	
Nome Community Center, Inc. Teen/Juvenile Delinquency Program	32,950	\$64,000
Nome Community Center, Inc., Sr. Program	39,370	
United Community Ministry, Anchorage	12,000	
Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage	100,000	
Jesse Lee Home, Anchorage		60,000
B. CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
Educational Addition, Homer, UMC		25,000
Birchwood Camp Capital Funds Drive, Chugiak		50,000
St. John UMC, Anchorage		50,000
Soldotna Sanctuary		25,000
C. MISSION LEADERSHIP		
Chaplaincy Program on Alaska Pipeline	20,000	
D. PARISH MINISTRIES		
Alaska Native Ministries	80,000	
Parish Partners, Alaska Churches	200,000	
E. OTHER		
Small Equipment and Programming, Mission Conference Office	8,000	

\*By the National Division



# E. Statistical and Financial Tables of the Churches

## STATISTICAL REPORT — December 31, 1974 - December 31, 1975

### CHURCH & PASTOR

#### ANCHORAGE AREA:

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#### TOTALS

Total members at close of last year	Received on Conf. of Faith or Restored	Received from other U.M.C.	Received from other denom.	Removed by Chg. Conf. action or withdrawn	Removed by transfer to other U.M.C.	Removed by transfer to other denom.	Removed by death	Total members at close of this year	Avg. attendance at principal weekly worship
352	5	14	2	15	9	4	1	344	133
91	2	2	3	1	3	4	0	89	65
240	23	41	10	40	17	7	0	250	130
516	6	20	2	25	7	5	4	503	154
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	20
31	2	10	2	0	2	0	0	43	45
127	15	20	3	10	4	4	0	147	115
200	7	9	8	24	12	4	0	184	113
483	16	37	12	8	28	2	2	508	272
64	2	2	0	6	0	2	0	60	58
31	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	30	25
2	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	7	12
166	10	5	7	13	4	3	1	167	101
39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	15
91	8	5	4	0	0	0	0	108	61
118	3	0	0	0	4	2	1	114	32
16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	12
164	2	0	0	1	2	2	1	160	50
63	4	12	1	0	3	0	0	77	56
150	9	3	4	0	3	2	1	160	70
291	4	8	4	9	4	4	2	288	108
140	0	2	1	25	10	0	0	108	45
3381	127	192	63	177	113	47	13	3413	1692

### CHURCH SCHOOL

### U.M.W.

### PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS

Baptized this year	Prep. members now on roll	No. persons on Constituency Roll	Total enrolled in Confirmation Classes	Number of Leaders	Children in all classes & groups (thru 6th grade)	Youth	Adults	Total Church School members	Avg. Attendance in Ch. Sch.	Avg. Attendance in ongoing grps. and classes	Avg. Attendance in short-term grps. & classes	Members joining of Conf. of Faith	Membership in U.M.W.	Amt. paid for Local Church & U.M.W. Community Work	Value of Church, Land, Buildings, and Equipment	Value of Church Owned Parsonages and Furniture	Value of Other Assets (cash, securities, other property, etc.)	Indebtedness on Land, Buildings, Equipment, Furn. and Other Assets	Other Indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)
6	300	75	0	20	25	25	30	100	70	20	20	0	12	250	272000	80000	15000	28000	0
10	38	62	7	11	77	14	20	111	55	6	12	0	15	150	306000	80000	0	8000	0
6	65	246	8	21	100	30	50	201	122	20	77	5	36	575	436000	60000	1000	83223	12207
3	131	175	6	20	46	19	41	126	76	12	45	2	60	128	200000	85000	411000	31200	0
0	0	0	0	1	6	4	0	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	40000	0	0	0	0
4	5	17	0	5	25	25	10	65	25	33	0	0	0	0	180000	0	0	23000	0
7	61	118	15	14	92	22	53	181	130	24	28	15	12	589	385000	80000	0	7215	0
9	73	60	17	14	48	14	27	89	63	32	8	0	23	297	500000	70000	3500	15000	1000
14	202	82	11	31	142	53	84	310	152	31	64	9	36	450	700000	70000	10300	32000	0
7	0	0	6	8	47	10	15	80	42	0	15	2	10	562	168000	80000	5557	0	0
0	0	0	0	2	10	6	0	18	8	6	0	0	0	0	80000	0	1727	0	0
1	0	0	0	5	20	3	0	28	18	6	0	0	0	0	80000	0	75	0	0
11	117	61	8	17	71	23	25	136	78	8	21	6	20	551	187000	44000	0	12272	1885
0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13654	14881	0	0	0
7	49	0	0	15	63	12	20	110	56	19	15	8	29	65	66067	56975	0	7400	0
2	27	20	2	5	10	8	10	28	20	7	7	0	12	0	130000	70000	10882	0	0
2	4	3	2	2	2	3	11	18	14	0	0	2	0	0	15000	0	0	0	0
7	87	30	1	8	40	10	10	68	30	22	17	0	14	1767	440000	75000	3600	0	0
3	30	55	0	10	27	5	16	68	32	5	10	0	16	87	133000	38712	14697	0	0
5	20	100	5	7	15	10	20	42	32	6	6	4	10	360	225000	25000	60000	47000	0
8	60	91	0	28	75	29	29	161	73	31	82	2	25	150	450000	35000	5000	700	0
9	42	22	0	5	18	3	10	36	22	8	25	0	0	0	210000	60000	3000	29000	0
121	1320	1217	88	249	959	328	481	1977	1122	296	452	55	330	5981	621672	1024568	545338	324010	15092

\* Half Reported: Unified Methodist and Presbyterian Church.

LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES								MINISTERIAL SUPPORT				CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION				WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENE.				BENEVOLENCES									
Principal and Interest on Indebtedness	Buildings and Improvements	Church School Expenses	Other Current Expenses	Miscellaneous Benevolences	U.M.W.	PASTOR SALARY		Pastors' Travel	Pastors' Utilities	Apportioned		Paid		Apportioned		Paid		General Advance Specials	One Great Hour of Sharing	World Communion	U.M. Student Day	Human Relations Day	Conference Advance Specials	Christian Education Sun.	Pipeline Chaplaincy	Native Ministries	All Other Benevolences	GRAND TOTAL PAID	
						Amount Set	Amount Paid			Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid																
5880	13677	1548	8920	1445	575	11804	11804	1600	1200	2655	2655	908	908	1054	1054	561		158					710	58	122	674	1340	54889	
4114	1086	696	7636		164	3355	3355	2400	1278	859	859	294	294	341	341	40	18	12				4	16	14	113		135	22575	
9289		1625	12555	2590	575	8000	8000	1600	1264	1797	1797	614	614	713	713		110	87				64			198		96	41177	
11400	3611	1341	29158	412	1364	13610	13610	1800	1989	4600	4600	1575	1575	1828	1828	295	450	138				60	315		177		220	74343	
209			88			52	45	500		69	69	23	23	28	28													962	
	11	291	1860	93		4734	4734	883	1313	376	376	129	129	150	150	49	73								59		10	10031	
3553	481	865	5578	511	589	4696	4696	360	1081	1075	1075	368	368	427	427	375	61		56	118	300	51	301	167	343	21356			
7294	3498	670	13369	600	297	11121	11121	1600	1600	2558	2558	876	876	1018	1018	326								80		922	45829		
12315	8214	1793	30007	3463	1186	12715	14115	1600	1987	3647	3647	1248	1248	1449	1449	5361	2411	150		150		1500	100	1350		2600	94646		
	1129	911	5410	1231		2100	2100	500	1075	638	638	218	218	253	253		107	27			36			100				13735	
	101	1065				1030	1030	350	50	288	288	99	99	115	115		60	71			26			3				3258	
	504	1001				301	301	225		82	82	28	28	32	32									3				2176	
7661	945	1320	5366	763	435	8100	8100	1300	875	1462	1462	501	501	581	581		81	53				33	59	106		297	29938		
		2998	925			1163	1163	900	900	385	385	132	132	153	153													7556	
838		685	4872		50	1206	1206	802	600	565	565	193	193	225	225													10036	
280	125	124	3196		206	3700	3700	1200	1497	830	830	284	284	329	329	380	61				2	12	10	55		77	12368		
	72	560				400	400	400		143	143	49	49	57	57	500	11						2	4		13	2211		
		553	10735	10	432	1780	1780	300		1174	1174	402	402	466	466	200	175	137	110	123	100	110	50			102	16959		
	622	477	6832	290	151	9930	9930	1600		822	822	281	281	326	326	13						40				50	21434		
1600		1725	16498	150	628	7000	7000	800	2400	1482	1482	508	508	589	589		272					358		1000		100	35110		
3512	193	1195	11044	235	325	10899	10910	1200	1346	2665	2665	913	913	1059	1059		199				91			40				34927	
342	830	203	4550	125		2785	2785	1200	1682	961	961	329	329	382	382	83		67			23					98	13660		
68287	34422	16699	183298	12843	6977	120481	21885	23120	22137	29133	29133	9972	9972	11575	11575	8183	4089	900	316	547	3384	404	3761	841	6403	569176			

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TOTALS

## F. Pastor's Salary and Benefits, 1976

	CASH SAL.	SOCIAL SEC.	TOTAL CASH SAL.	TRAVEL	MED. INS.	TOTAL PAID
Aamodt, A.	11,116	604	11,720	2950	411	15,081
Bartel, B.	10,116	604	10,720	1900	411	13,031
Bowers, R.	13,876	604	14,480	1900	822	17,202
Cramer, M.	11,116	604	11,720	2400	411	14,531
Fellers, J.	13,000	604	13,604	1200	400	15,204
Fison, D.	10,600	604	11,204	2200	411	13,815
Groves, E.	10,200	604	10,804	2500	411	13,715
Hartman, D.	10,200	604	10,804	1700	411	12,915
McNabb, R.	10,600	604	11,204	1600	411	13,215
Robison, R.	10,600	604	11,204	1500	411	13,115
Shaffer, J.	12,336	604	12,940	1600		16,340
Smith, R.	16,600		16,600	1760	411	18,771
Thompson, R.	10,600	604	11,204	1700	411	13,315
Tindell, J.	15,200		15,200	1800		17,000
Trudeau, W.	13,071	604	13,675	1760	420	15,855
White, B.	13,750	604	14,354	1800	420	16,574
Wischmeier, A.	13,500	604	14,104	900	458	15,462
Wise, K.	10,416	604	11,020	2950	411	14,381

All parsonage utilities are paid by the local churches.

## G. Balance Sheet of the Annual Conference Accounts

ACCT. NO.	BALANCE 12-31-74	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE 12-31-75
101 Office Salaries	-0-	8599.92	8599.92	-0-
*101A Part Time Office Salaries	-0-	199.96	199.96	-0-
102 Payroll Taxes	256.40	2746.98	2737.87	265.51
106 Workmen's Compensation	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
200 Office Equipment	-0-	500.04	500.04	-0-
201 Legal & Accounting	-0-	2904.95	2904.95	-0-
202 Office Operating	-0-	6309.08	6309.08	-0-
204 Office Rent	-0-	5400.00	5400.00	-0-
205 Display Advertising	61.65	2548.47	2413.08	197.04
301 Supt. Salary	-0-	8741.03	8741.03	-0-
302A Supt. Car Allowance	-0-	900.00	900.00	-0-
302B Supt. Travel	-0-	9175.36	9175.36	-0-
302C Supt. Soc. Sec.	-0-	371.00	371.00	-0-
303 Supt. Entertainment	-0-	650.00	650.00	-0-
304 Supt. Utilities	-0-	1424.85	1424.85	-0-
305 Supt. Hosp. Ins.	-0-	310.00	310.00	-0-
501 Mission Vehicles	-0-	1400.00	1400.00	-0-
600 Nome Special Fund	4319.74	5620.00	4460.65	5479.09
601 Minority Children	3369.52	1977.38	850.00	4496.90
*700 Pastor Salary Sharing	-0-	600.00	-0-	600.00
701 Home Mission Revolv.	608.89	23186.04	22017.61	1777.32
706 Chugiak	-0-	7246.00	7246.00	-0-
708 Homer	-0-	8262.00	8262.00	-0-
709 Kenai	-0-	2018.00	2018.00	-0-
710 Soldotna	-0-	4748.48	4748.48	-0-
710A North Star	-0-	4748.48	4748.48	-0-
711 Jewel Lake	-0-	2000.00	2000.00	-0-
712 St. John	-0-	7393.00	7393.00	-0-
713 Nome	-0-	12924.00	12924.00	-0-
714 Seward	-0-	7118.00	7118.00	-0-
715 East Anchorage	-0-	2301.00	2301.00	-0-
717 United Campus Ministry	-0-	7056.00	7056.00	-0-
720 Sitka	-0-	7466.00	7466.00	-0-
721 Native Ministry Acct.	(3122.11)	16335.17	13213.06	-0-
722 Coordinator, C. on Min.	-0-	3654.45	2000.00	1654.45
*723 Pipeline Chaplain Sal.	-0-	6667.05	6667.05	-0-
801 Program Director's exp.	-0-	1200.00	1200.00	-0-
802 Annual Meeting	-0-	5777.84	5777.84	-0-
803 Evangelism Mission	11.81	-0-	11.81	-0-
806 Birchwood Camp	-0-	2999.69	2999.69	-0-
1101 Church Ext. Revol.	5681.90	11139.20	14458.37	2362.73
1218 Hope Church Proj.	506.93	-0-	215.25	291.68
1308 Wesley House, UCM	-0-	3375.00	3000.00	375.00
1320 Duplex, Anchorage	4452.77	6489.60	5229.83	5712.54
1402 Southeast Camp	3.00	-0-	3.00	-0-
Sub-Totals	16150.50	214484.02	207422.26	23212.26

\* New Accounts

ACCT. NO.	BALANCE 12-31-74	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE 12-31-75
2000 Ministerial Supp.	-0-	30922.76	30922.76	-0-
2012 Pension & D.B.	819.56	5662.77	6434.41	47.92
3020 Conn. Adminis.	-0-	10061.38	10061.38	-0-
3030 Min. Cont. Educ.	501.19	378.70	879.89	-0-
4030 World Service	-0-	14133.00	14133.00	-0-
4031 World Serv. Specials	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
4032 Gen. Adv. Spec.	-0-	8550.08	8550.08	-0-
4033 One Great Hour	-0-	4241.92	4241.92	-0-
4034 World Wide Communion	-0-	900.76	900.76	-0-
4036 Meth. Student Day	-0-	315.81	315.81	-0-
4038 Human Rel. Day	-0-	546.51	546.51	-0-
4039 Alaska Meth. Univ.	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
4041 Reconciliation Fund	396.66	-0-	-0-	396.66
4044 Christian Educ. Sun.	-0-	452.76	54.15	398.61
4047 Alaska Children. Serv.	-0-	1080.00	1080.00	-0-
4048 Conf. Adv. Specials	-0-	2336.19	2336.19	-0-
4049 Native AK. Minis.	1989.28	3661.57	1411.07	4239.78
4050 Pipeline Chaplaincy	1732.32	4476.02	2240.11	3968.23
5001 Christian Soc. Res.	-0-	125.00	125.00	-0-
5021 Camping	-0-	1240.00	1240.00	-0-
5022 Anch. Campus Min.	-0-	2287.42	2287.42	-0-
5023 Audio-Visual Lib.	-0-	307.31	307.31	-0-
5024 Education	-0-	400.00	400.00	-0-
5025 Worship	-0-	132.00	132.00	-0-
5026 Christian Nur. Adm.	-0-	30.00	30.00	-0-
5027 Family Life	-0-	675.00	675.00	-0-
5030 Lay Act. & Temp. Ec.	-0-	5050.00	5050.00	-0-
5041 Ecumenical Affairs	-0-	1400.00	1400.00	-0-
5042 Missions	-0-	524.15	524.15	-0-
5043 Evangelism	-0-	25.00	25.00	-0-
5050 Pastors Wives Retr.	-0-	3411.09	3411.09	-0-
5060 Counc. on Min.	-0-	2835.05	2835.05	-0-
5065 Hist. Society	-0-	300.00	-0-	300.00
**5070 Contingency Fund	6464.79	6006.65	2711.06	9760.38
5080 Fin. and Admin.	-0-	570.95	570.95	-0-
*5091 Special Fund	500.00	700.00	1000.00	200.00
5100 Cache of Songbooks	331.25	10.00	-0-	341.25
*5101 Service Men's Fund	1060.00	-0-	-0-	1060.00
5102 Anch. Youth Council	24.90	-0-	-0-	24.90
5103 United Meth. Youth	68.16	500.00	175.00	393.16
5200 Conf. Ben. Reserves	11312.70	4666.20	7829.12	8149.78
5716 Hosp. Ins.	( 1307.53)	7786.58	6439.63	39.42
GRAND TOTAL	23893.28	126702.63	121275.82	29320.09

\* New Accounts

\*\* Includes Designated Funds.

# H. Alaska Missionary Conference Budget, 1977

	1976 <sup>(1)</sup> A.M.C.	1976 <sup>(1)</sup> N. DIV.	1976 <sup>(1)</sup> TOTAL	1977 A.M.C.	Proposed 1977 N. DIV.	1977 TOTAL
<b>I. EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT</b>						
1. Episcopal Fund, Apportioned for support of Bishops, widows & children of deceased Bishops	2025		2025	719		719
2. Pension and Death Benefit, Apportioned to provide benefits for ministerial members of the Alaska Missionary Conference	6942		6942	6942		6942
3. Superintendent's Fund, Apportioned for support of the A.M.C. superintendent	4814	17673	22487	6814	18173	24987
4. Salary subsidy for non-self-support churches	<u>15597</u> <u>29378</u>	<u>68388</u> <u>86061</u>	<u>83985</u> <u>115439</u>	<u>20535</u> <u>35010</u>	<u>65570</u> <u>83743</u>	<u>86105</u> <u>118753</u>
<b>B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
1. Temporary General Aid, for equalization of pensions & salaries of former Central Jurisdiction members	706		706	250		250
2. General Administration of the U.M.C.	177		177	213		213
3. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, for U.M.C. share of support of World and National Councils of Churches	118		118	148		148
4. Jurisdictional Fund, support of Western Jurisdiction	106		106	117		117
5. Ministerial Education Fund	1333		1333	2410		2410
6. Black College Fund	709		709	887		887
7. Conference Office Expenses	12363	9322	21685	12363	10014	22377
8. Annual Missionary Conference sessions	1200	5800	7000	1200	5800	7000
9. Mission Conference Cars		1400	1400		1450	1450
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>16712</u>	<u>16522</u>	<u>33234</u>	<u>18287</u>	<u>17264</u>	<u>35551</u>

			Proposed					
			1976 A.M.C.	1976 N. DIV.	1976 TOTAL	1977 A.M.C.	1977 N. DIV.	1977 TOTAL
C. WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENE- VOLENCES								
1. World Service Ap- portionments			2775		2775	3693		3693
2. Conference Benevolences								
a. Council on Ministries Program Expense			11470	3619	15089	15526	4119**	19645**
b. Christian Education Sunday			298		298			
c. Council on Finance & Administration			600		600	700		700
d. Contingency			500		500	500		500
e. Alaska Native Ministries			2839	7646	10485	3087	7646	10733
TOTALS			18482	11265	29747	23506	11765**	35271**

#### RECAPITULATION

A. Ministerial Support	29378	86061	115439	35010	83743	118753
B. Connectional Administra- tion	16712	16522	33234	18287	17264	35551
C. World Service & Con- ference Benevolences	18482	11265	29747	23506	11765**	35271**
	<u>64572*</u>	<u>113848*</u>	<u>178420*</u>	<u>76803</u>	<u>112772**</u>	<u>189575**</u>

## II. SOURCES OF INCOME

A. National Division		114500	114500		112500	112500
B. Board of Higher Education					500**	500**
C. Alaska Sources						
1. Benevolent Reserves	3866		3866	2753		2753
2. Apportionments	54651		54651	60000		60000
3. Christian Ed. Offering	298		298	300		300
4. AV Library fees				250		250
D. Salary Subsidy, self-sup- port ch.	5757		5757	6000		6000
E. Special gifts				2500		2500
F. Salary, non self-sup- porting ch.				5000		5000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>64572</u>	<u>114500</u>	<u>179072</u>	<u>76803</u>	<u>113000**</u>	<u>189575**</u>

\* National Division not yet designated, \$228.

\*\* Includes \$500 from Board of Higher Education.

(1) Actual

# I. Conference Council on Ministries Budget

	<u>1976*</u>	<u>1977</u>
<b>I. EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>A. CHRISTIAN NURTURE</b>		
1. Administration	30	30
2. Education	200	250
3. Youth Ministries		
a. Conference Council	975	775
b. Southeast Convocation	500	500
c. Southcentral Convocation	250	200
d. Honduras Workcamp	200	200
4. Camping		
a. Nome	120	120
b. Southeast	400	400
c. Birchwood	1400	1300
d. Fairbanks	160	160
5. Family Education	500	
6. Audio-Visual Library	250	250
7. Christian Education Offering	298	
8. Pastors-Wives Retreat	2569	3000
9. Historical Society	300	200
10. Worship Committee	100	100
11. Special Projects	500	
12. Children's Ministry Workshop		500
	<u>8752</u>	<u>7985</u>
<b>B. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES</b>		
1. Information	100	100
2. Postage	50	50
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>C. CHRISTIAN OUTREACH</b>		
1. Mission		
a. Administration (Publicity)	25	25
b. Mission Itineration	250	
c. Ecumenical School travel pool	200	
d. Global Ministry material		50
e. Jurisdictional Mission Conference		150
f. Hunger emphasis		50
2. Evangelism		
a. Administration (Postage)	25	50
3. Ecumenical Affairs		
a. Administration (Postage)	10	10
b. Alaska Christian Conference	600	600
c. Church of the Epiphany	300	
d. Travel to biennial AK Christian Conf.		700
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>	<u>1410</u>	<u>1635</u>

\* Actual



	<u>1976*</u>	<u>1977</u>
D. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY		
1. Administration	25	25
2. Equitable Salary Committee	500	500
3. Lay Clergy Conference		2500
4. Lay Leader National Conference		400
	<u>525</u>	<u>3425</u>
E. COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES		
1. Travel	2000	2500
2. Publication, "The Bridge"	1300	1500
3. Co-ordinator		
a. Salary	1000	2000
b. Communication	125	200
c. Materials	75	150
	<u>4500</u>	<u>6350</u>
F. CONTINGENCY	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>15437</u>	<u>19645</u>

#### RECAPITULATION

A. Christian Nurture	8752	7985
B. Christian Social Resp.	150	150
C. Christian Outreach	1410	1635
D. Lay Act. & Temp. Econ.	525	3425
E. Council on Ministries	4500	6350
F. Contingency	100	100
	<u>15437</u>	<u>19645</u>

#### II. INCOME

A. National Division		
1. Birchwood Truck	1000	1000
2. Pastors-Wives Retreat	1419	1419
3. Christian Nurture	1200	1200
	<u>3619</u>	<u>3619</u>
B. Board of Higher Education		500
C. Audio-Visual Library Income	250	250
		500
D. Christian Education Offering	298	300
	<u>548</u>	<u>300</u>
E. Benevolent Reserves	1375	
	<u>1375</u>	
F. Apportionments	9895	14976
	<u>9895</u>	<u>14976</u>
TOTALS	<u>15437</u>	<u>19645</u>

\* Actual

## VII. PASTORAL RECORDS

### **AAMODT, AUGUST EDWARD ..... Northwest Texas**

Rock River Conference; on trial, 1951; D, 1951; Northeast Ohio Conference, E, 1959; EDUCATION: North Dakota State University, 1951; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1959; APPOINTMENTS: Humboldt Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois, 1951; Minister to Youth, First Methodist Church, Canton, Ohio, 1954; Minister to Youth, First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1963; Dean of Men and Lecturer in Religion, Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1967; Dean of Students and Lecturer in Religion, Centenary College of Louisiana, 1967; Minister to Youth, Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas, 1971; Missionary to Alaska, Soldotna-North Star, November 1972. WIFE: Marie; CHILDREN: Arne, Peter, Kari.

### **BARTEL, BRUCE ALLEN ..... Wisconsin**

Wisconsin Conference (EUB); On trial 1965; D, 1969; E, 1970; EDUCATION: University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 1966; Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1970; APPOINTMENTS: Milladore, Wisconsin, 1965; Wisconsin Rapids, (Associate), 1965; Alaska Mission, First-Anchorage (Associate), 1970; Kenai, Church of the New Covenant, 1971; Anchorage-First, 1976. WIFE: Kathleen Ann; CHILDREN: Tami, Brian.

### **BOWERS, ROBERT DALE ..... Wisconsin**

South Iowa Conference; On trial, 1958; D, 1959; E, 1961; EDUCATION: Drake University, 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: South Iowa Conference, Victor-Immanuel, 1961; East Wisconsin Conference, Brookfield, 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1967; Kenai-Church of the New Covenant, 1969; Anchor Park, Anchorage, 1971; WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Stephen, Carolyn, Christine, David.

### **CRAMER, MAX WAYNE ..... Central Pennsylvania**

Central Pennsylvania Conference; On trial, 1951; D, 1952; E, 1954; EDUCATION: West Virginia Wesleyan College, B.A., 1951; Wesley Theological Seminary, B.D.; 1954; M. Div., 1971; APPOINTMENTS: Claysburg, 1951; McVeytown, 1954; Snowshoe, 1956; Reedsville, 1958; Harrisville, 1959; Dubois Lakeside, 1965; Alaska Mission, East Anchorage-Girdwood; 1966; Clearfield, Pennsylvania, 1970; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1973; Ketchikan, 1976; WIFE: Gladys; CHILDREN: Ellen, Robert, Diana, Nancy, Beata.

### **FISON, DAVID KONRAD ..... Northern Illinois**

Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1956; EDUCATION: William Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952; Ingelside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage (Co-Pastor), 1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore West, 1972; St. John-Hope-Bayshore West, 1975; St. John-Bayshore West, 1976; WIFE: Aleen; CHILDREN: Susan Renee, Deborah Ann, Paul Wesley, Jane Elizabeth, David James.

**GARVIN, JOHN CHARLES\* ..... Western Pennsylvania**

Transfer from United Presbyterian Church to Western Pennsylvania Conference; E, 1962; EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh, 1955; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1961; Graduate School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1970, 1972; Candidate PhD, University of Pittsburgh; APPOINTMENTS: Pittsburgh, Smithfield Street, (Associate), Bethany House, 1962; Pittsburgh, Church of Our Saviour, 1966; Calvary-Evergreen, 1971; Alaska Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Audrey C.; CHILDREN: Barbara, Sally, Janice, Clark, Kenneth, David, Julianna, Lynette.

**GROVES, LELAND EUGENE ..... Oregon**

Oregon Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Williamette University, 1957; Chicago Theological Seminary, Federated Faculty of the University of Chicago, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1961; Alaska Mission, Anchorage First (Associate); 1963; In School, 1966; Fairbanks-First (Associate) and Director, Wesley Foundation, 1967; Chugiak, 1969; WIFE: LaRae; CHILDREN: Jeffry; Joel Daniel.

**MEMBER EMERITUS**

**GROVES, MEREDITH A. .... Oregon**

Northwest Kansas Conference; On Trial, 1924; D, 1924; E, 1927; APPOINTMENTS: School, 1925; Lenora, 1925; Oregon Conference, Turner, 1927; West Salem, 1928; Cottage Grove, 1931; Portland-Beech Street, 1935; Seaside, 1940; Medford, 1947; Roseburg, 1952; Superintendent, Eugene District, 1953; Executive Secretary, Coordinating Council, 1959; Alaska Mission Superintendent, 1964; Retired, 1969; Associate, Parkrose, Portland-Lincoln Street, 1971.

**HARTMAN, DONALD LEE ..... Western Pennsylvania**

Pittsburgh Conference; On Trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Kentucky, Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate), 1962; Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First-Anchorage (Associate), 1966; Anchorage First (Associate) and Girdwood, 1968; Sitka, 1970; Jewel Lake-Girdwood, 1975; WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN: Karl Bradford, Jeanette Lynn, Kurt Brian, Janet Lee.

**HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.\* ..... Southern California-Arizona**

Ohio Conference; On Trial, 1961; Full Connection, 1963; D, 1961; E, 1963; EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, 1960; Methodist Theological School, Ohio, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio, Newark First, (Assistant), 1960; Trinity, Columbus (Assistant), 1961; Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, 1963; Director of the Program Council, 1969; Nome, 1971; Southern California-Arizona Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, First (Associate), 1973; Director of Development, Alaska Children's Services, 1974; Associate Director, 1976; WIFE: Lydia Lou; CHILDREN: Thomas Campbell, Robert Kim, Kenneth Richard.

**KNIGHT, ARTHUR P. ....Oregon-Idaho**

Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: East Ohio Conference, Fresno, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference, Kenai-Church of the New Covenant, 1976; WIFE: Luvinia Dean; CHILDREN: Susan Holstein, George E.

**McNABB, ROBERT H. ....Oregon-Idaho**

Upper Iowa, On trial, 1944; EDUCATION: Iowa Business College, 1937; Iowa State Teachers College, 1942; Cornell College of Iowa, 1943; Boston University School of Theology, 1946; Boston University Graduate School, 1947; APPOINTMENTS: Iowa, Greely-Oneida, 1947; Missionary to Hawaii, 1949; Oregon, Oregon Fossil, 1955; Molalla, 1958; University Park-Portland, 1963; Coquille, 1967; Hermiston, 1970; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1974; WIFE: Doris Jean; CHILDREN: Daniel L., Allen O., Robert Roy, Gail Wing, and Marjori-Jean.

**NELSON, ROBERT WILLIAM\* ....Southern California-Arizona**

Southern California-Arizona; On trial, 1962; D, 1962; E, 1965; EDUCATION: El Camino College, 1956; University of California at Los Angeles, 1961; Claremont School of Theology, 1965; APPOINTMENTS: Southern California-Arizona Conference, Vermont Square, Los Angeles, 1962; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1965; Fairbanks First (Associate) and Director of Wesley Foundation, 1969; Director of United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks, 1970; Wesley Foundation, UCLA, 1974; Director, Center for Children and Parents, Alaska Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Norma; CHILDREN: Erik Tighe, Lynette Susan.

**ROACH, REVELLE ELWOOD ....Oregon-Idaho**

Disciples Church, 1938; West Oklahoma, On Trial, 1942; Pacific Northwest, E. 1949; EDUCATION: Phillips University; University of Washington; Perkins School of Theology; University of Puget Sound; APPOINTMENTS: Waitsburg, 1949; Manson, 1952; Oregon Conference, The Dalles, 1955; Alaska Mission, Homer, 1958; Oregon-Idaho Conference, Toledo-Siletz, 1961; Dallas, 1968; Alaska Missionary Conference, Seward-Moose Pass, 1976; WIFE: Estelle, CHILDREN: Marvelene Lorraine, Patricia Evalyn, Gaynelle Tyack, Soon Ja Lee, Thomas Lee, Paul Revelle.

**ROBISON, ROGER D. ....Yellowstone**

Ohio Conference, On trial, 1943; full member, 1945; EDUCATION: Dartmouth College, 1942; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1945; APPOINTMENTS: Montana Conference (now Yellowstone), Corvallis, Fort Benton, Great-Falls-Christ Church; District Superintendent, 1957-61 and 1966-72; Butte United Methodist Parish, co-pastor, 1972; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1975; WIFE: Olive; CHILDREN: David, Helen, James, Thomas, and Philip.

**SHAFFER, JOHN JAY ....Central Illinois**

Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1960; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Illinois Wesleyan University, 1959; Garrett Evangelical Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Central Illinois Conference, Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Associate), 1959; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Juneau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970; Nome, 1974; Nome, Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish, 1976; WIFE: Barbara.

**SMITH, RICHARD ROBERT .....Minnesota**

Minnesota Conference, E.U.B.; D, 1946; E, 1948; EDUCATION: Indiana Central College, 1945; United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, 1948; APPOINTMENTS: Minnesota Conference, New Ulm, 1948; Kiester, 1950; Brainerd, 1954; St. Paul, First, 1957; Hutchinson Bethlehem, 1967; Alaska Mission, Fairbanks, 1974; WIFE: Donna; CHILDREN: Susan, David, Kathleen, Dale.

**THOMPSON, ROGER WILLIAM .....New York**

Central New York Conference, On trial, 1946; Full Connection, 1948; D, 1946; E, 1948; EDUCATION: Tusculum College, 1944; Drew University Theological Seminary, 1948; APPOINTMENTS: At School (Woodbury, West Hill, L.I., 1946); Woodbury, West Hills, Cold Spring Harbor, L.I., 1948; New York East Conference, 1949; Albertson, 1949; Northport, 1957; Alaska Mission, Anchorage-First, 1961; New York Conference, Dobbs Ferry, 1967; Meriden, Connecticut, First, 1970; Alaska Mission, East Anchorage, (Oct. 7), 1974; East Anchorage-Hope, 1976; WIFE: Mary Lucile; CHILDREN: Melinda Lucile, Roger William, Mary Ann, James Corbett, John Mark.

**TINDELL, JOHN RAYMOND .....Florida**

Florida Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1963; EDUCATION: Florida Southern College, 1958; Candler School of Theology, 1961; Student University of Edinburgh, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conference, Mirimar, 1961; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East Anchorage, 1970; Juneau-Northern Light United Church, (Oct. 7), 1974; WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN: Raymond Sidney, Cynthia Adair.

**TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE .....Detroit**

Detroit Conference, On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian College, 1964; Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University (Associate), 1967; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc., Director, 1970; Nome Church, Director of Community Center, 1973; Turnagain, 1974; WIFE: Danita; CHILDREN: David William.

**VOSTRY, ROBERT MELVIN .....Detroit**

Detroit Conference; On trial, 1973; D, 1973; EDUCATION: Central Michigan University, Asbury Theological Seminary; APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Missionary Conference, Chaplain, Trans-Alaska Pipeline, 8/1/75.

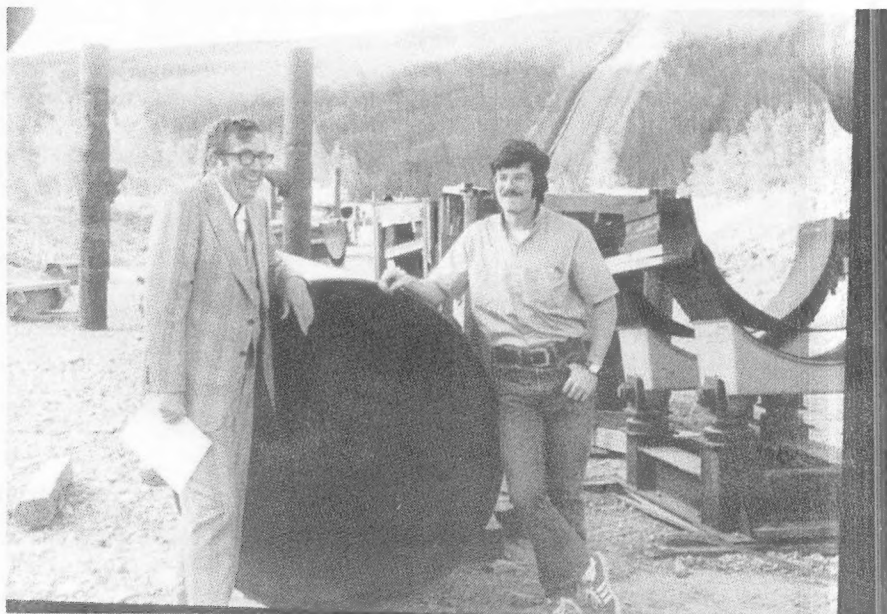
**WISCHMEIER, AC CHESTER .....Pacific Northwest**

North Indiana Conference; On trial, 1938; D, 1938; E, 1940; EDUCATION: University of Nebraska, 1933; Boston University School of Theology, 1937; Graduate School, Boston University School of Theology, 1940; APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference, Salmon Creek-East Vancouver, 1941; East Vancouver, 1942; Lewiston, Idaho, 1946; Kennewick, 1949; Seattle-Haller Lake, 1953; Superintendent Walla Walla District, 1959; Superintendent, Tacoma District, 1961; Yakima-First, 1965; Bellingham, Garden Street, 1967; Alaska Mission Superintendent, 1969; WIFE: Irene; CHILDREN: Stephen, Suzanna, Donald.

**WISE, KEITH BURNELL .....Southern New Jersey**

East Pennsylvania Conference: (EUB) On trial, 1962; E, 1964; EDUCATION: Lebanon Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Student pastor, Bellgrove, Pa., 1960; Youth Director, Santa Clara Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1961; Wiconisco-Loyalton, Pa., 1964; Clarksboro, N.J., 1968; Alaska Mission, Homer Parish, 1972; WIFE: Patricia; CHILDREN: Kathleen, Michael, Matthew, Kristin.

\*Indicates special appointments in Alaska by another bishop.



*Bishop Jack Tuell and Pipeline Chaplain "Mel" Vostry chat "on location" of Alyeska Pipeline Project.*

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*Conference Secretary*